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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINES CHINA POLICY

1. SUMMARY: DURING A RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO ROC DEFENDED PHILIPPINE ATTEMPTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PRC, BUT IMPLIED GOP WILL ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH GROC. END SUMMARY.

2. LOW-CIRCULATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS NOVEMBER 17 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH NEW PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR LAPUS ON PHILIPPINE-CHINA RELATIONS. ON THE ONE HAND, LAPUS EMPHASIZED "WE WILL NOT ABANDON OLD FRIENDS," AND ASKED RHETORICALLY, "HOW CAN WE TALK OF DIPLOMATIC SEVERANCE WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES (ROC AND THE PHILIPPINES) IN EDUCATION, LAND REFORM AND CULTURE?" ON THE OTHER HAND HE DEFENDED "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC SAYING THE PHILIPPINES "NEEDS FRIENDSHIP" AND COEXISTENCE WITH THE PRC IS POSSIBLE "AS LONG AS THERE IS MUTUAL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS." WHEN THE REPORTER POINTEDLY ASKED HOW A

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"TWO-CHINA POLICY" CAN BE SUCCESSFUL, THE AMBASSADOR

MERELY REPLIED "WE WILL HAVE OUR CONDITIONS AND THEY
WILL HAVE THEIRS ON THE MATTER OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS,
AND THESE WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE PARTIES."

3. AMBASSADOR LAPUS ALSO "CATEGORICALLY DENIED"
PHILIPPINE DESIRE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PRC WAS
"IN ANY WAY" INFLUENCED BY THE U.S.

4. STORY WAS NOT CARRIED IN ANY OTHER PAPERS AND THERE
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